Status of Chandigarh-Ludhiana Rail Link

1008. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the status of Chandigarh-Ludhiana Rail link, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): The work is sanctioned. AH clearances have been received. The final location survey has been completed upto Morinda i.e. 45 Kms. from Chandigarh end. Land acquisition plan and papers have been submitted to the State Government. Rupees 1.16 crores have also been deposited for this purpose with Chandigarh Administration. However, the land has not yet been handed over to the' Railways.

Quadrupling of Track between Tiruvallur and Arakkonam

1009. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal for quadrupling of track between Tiruvallur and Arakkonam;

(b) whether it is a fact that Arakkonam—Tiruvallur-Chennai Central is one of the busiest corridors, where more than ninty trains ply everyday;

(c) whether it is a fact that commuters are facing a lot of problems everyday due to hold up of trains in the Tiruvallur-Arakkonam section, which is the only double line; and

(d) if so, when the work would be taken up and when the work would be completed; if not, when the above work would be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DICVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) Separate surveys have been conducted for a 3rd line in Tiruvallur—Arakkonam section and for 4th line in Pattabhiram—Tiruvallur—Arakkonam section. Southern Railway has been directed to prepare a fresh Detailed Project Report for